



News Advisory

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UDOH Seeks Public Input on Federal Block Grant Renewal

WHO/WHAT: The Utah Department of Health (UDOH) is asking for public comment on the renewal of its federal Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant for federal fiscal year 2009, during a public hearing.

WHEN: August 26, 2008
2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

WHERE: Cannon Health Building, Room 114
288 North 1460 West
Salt Lake City

WHY: The Department is seeking the public's input on how to best allocate \$928,000 in federal grant monies to meet the Nation's Healthy People 2010 public health objectives.

Currently, the block grant funds are used by local health departments for preventive health services, including childhood obesity prevention and injury prevention. A federally-mandated set-aside in the block grant funds rape crisis and prevention services. The grant also provides supplemental funding for UDOH programs addressing obesity, unintentional injury prevention, community health assessment, environmental epidemiology studies, and worksite wellness.

Copies of the draft grant proposal will be available at the UDOH. A draft of the 2009 proposal will also be posted by August 22, 2008, on the Internet at <http://health.utah.gov/phhsbg>.

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The final date for public comment is September 19, 2008.